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SUBJ: UN HABITAT CONFERENCE, PARTICIPATION ISSUE AT CARACAS
REGIONAL MEETING

REF: A STATE 155815, CARACAS 6743

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. REPORT OF CARACAS REGIONAL MEETIN ON HABITAT
CONATINS FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIN (NUMBER 29) CONCERNING PARTI-
CIPATION: " FOR ALL THE ABOVE REASONS IT IS CONSIDERED HIGHLY
ADVISABLE AND CONVENIENT THAT ALL COUNTRIES PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY
IN THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE OF 1976". END SUMMARY

2. USDEL CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS JULY 2 AND 3
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FAILED TO DEVELOP FIRM COMMITMENTS FOR ENDORSEMENT OF USDEL

STATEMENT PROPOSED REFTEL (B). BRAZIL DEL, WHO TOOK SOUNDINGS AMONG OTHER LA DELS, FELT US STATEMENT WOULD TRIGGER REACTION WHICH COULD OPEN UP ISSUE AND RISK ADVERSE STATEMENT IN REPORT. CANADIAN AND UK DELS THOUGHT THEY MIGHT SUPPORT US STATEMENT DEPENDING ON HOW DEBATE DEVELOPED, BUT DID NOT GIVE FIRM ASSURANCE. CANADIAN DEL, WHO AWARE OF USDEL CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS, TOLD USDEL "IF YOU CONTINUE TO SPREAD ISSUE AROUND, YOU WILL NOT GET AWAY WITH IT."

3. BASED ON ABOVE ADVICE AND PENALOSA'S OPINION THAT ISSUE SHOULD BE HANDLED VERY DISCREETLY, USDEL SUSPENDED FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH LA DELEGATIONS AND PLANNED TO MAKE STATEMENT AS INDICATED REFTEL (B). PLENARY SESSION JULY 3 ENDED, HOWEVER, BEFORE USDEL HAD OPPORTUNITY TO INTERVENE. CONFERENCE SECRETARY (VITERI) INFORMED USDEL THAT HE WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO INTERVENE AT BEGINNING OF PLENARY SESSION JULY 4. HOWEVER, HE SUGGESTED THAT DRAFT REPORT BEING PREPARED BY SECRETARIAT COULD HAVE REFERENCE TO DESIRABILITY OF PARTICIPATION BY "ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES" AND SUGGESTED THAT USDEL NEED NOT INTERVENE IF THIS WERE SATISFACTORY.

4. DRAFT REPORT, AS AMENDED DURING HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING JULY 4, DID CONTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS QUOTED PARA 1. AS DEPT WILL NOTE, IT REFERS TO "ALL COUNTRIES" RATHER THAN TO "ALL UN MEMBER STATES." USDEL DECIDED NOT TO INTERVENE TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN A MORE PRECISE REFERENCE TO UN MEMBER STATES. USDEL RECOGNIZES THAT RECOMMENDATION MIGHT BE INTERPRETED TO IMPLY THAT COUNTRIES NOT MEMBERS OF THE UN SHOULD ALSO PARTICIPATE. BELIEVE FAILURE TO REFER TO "MEMBER" STATES WAS RESULT OF OVERSIGHT BY SECRETARIAT. IF USDEL HAD INTERVENED TO CORRECT DRAFT REPORT, HOWEVER, WE WOULD HAVE RISKED LOSING WHAT APPEARS TO BE UNAMBIGUOUS RECOMMENDATION THAT ALL UN MEMBERS SHOULD PARTICIPATE. DRAFT REPORT WAS APPROVED JULY 4 BY ACCLAMATION CONTAINING RECOMMENDATION QUOTED IN PARA 1.

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